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1. "The following information dates through early October 1953.

Name and Location

2. "A new cement plant, Rejowiec II, is nearing completion in the so-called COP, or Central Industrial District developed in Poland by the pre-World War II Polish Government. It becomes the fifteenth cement plant in the COP area. The largest now in operation there is the Poko plant in Rejowiec.

Construction

3. "A team of skilled Soviet engineers, technicians and workers has led the construction of Rejowiec II. They include 70 specialists who had previously worked on the foundations of the Palace of Culture in Warsaw.

Konstanty Ovtcharov

4. "Production at Rejowiec II is to be fully mechanized. A Soviet engineer, Konstanty Ovtcharov, is in charge of the work of mechanization. His previous assignment was at the Boleslaw Bierut foundry combine, Czestochowa. There he also mechanized production. After completing his job at Rejowiec II he is scheduled to go to the Poko Cement Plant to mechanize production there.

Soviet Machines

5. "The installation of machines at Rejowiec II is nearly complete. The machines are Soviet. Deliveries have come from the Stalin Mechanical Works in Leningrad and from the Machine-Building Factory in Siewiansk. All deliveries have arrived within the fixed time limits with no delays. That is rather exceptional for Soviet deliveries to Poland.

Scheduled Defence Production

6. "The prompt deliveries indicate that the new plant is important to Soviet interests. Its production - high grade Portland cement - will be devoted exclusively to war industries. It is to cover about half of the needs of the Gdansk, which is working on defence

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orders. The remainder of the production at Rejowiec II is to go to the Ministry of Defence for administrative and strategic building projects.

7. "Thus, Rejowiec II will be more important to war industry than has the Pokoj cement plant hitherto. Seventy-two per cent of the Pokoj production has gone to the Ministry of Defence. The remainder has gone to civilian construction projects.
8. "Production at Rejowiec II is to start in spring 1954. During the first year it is to achieve 50% more than the whole production at the Pokoj plant. The labor force will be 400 workers at the start. Later production is to be increased four times and the number of workers increased to 700.

Administration

9. "It is presumed that the administration of Rejowiec II will be in the hands of the Army Building Enterprises (WPB - Wojskowe Przedsiębiorstwa Budowlane). The WPB runs the Pokoj cement plant."

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